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SUBJECT: 24TH SESSION OF COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT--
RESOLUTION ON PREVENTIONS OF DISABILITY AND REHABILITATION
OF DISABLED PERSONS (ITEM 3) -- CHILEAN COSPONSORSHIP

1. DRAFT RES INTRODUCED BY COLOMBIA AND COSPONSORED BY AUSTRIA,
BELGIUM, CHILE, FRANCE, ITALY, NEW ZEALAND, NIGERIA, UK
AND, PER INSTRUCTIONS, US.

2. USSR AND UKRAINE MET INFORMALLY WITH COSPONSORS TO EXPRESS
THEIR BELIEF THAT IT IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR CHILE TO COSPONSOR
THIS RES IN VIEW OF OPPRESSION IN CHILE CONTRIBUTING TO
INCREASED NUMBER OF DISABLED THERE.

3. SOVIET DEL (MOLCHANOV) APPROACHED US REP (PICKER) AT
LUNCH HOSTED BY FRANCE. NOTING THAT HE WORKED AT SAME
INSTITUTE (DEPT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS)
AS HIS PREDECESSOR IN CSD, DR. KOVALSKY, MOLCHANOV MENTIONED DR.
KOVALSKY'S IMPRESSION THAT THE USSR AND US CAN WORK TOGETHER
AMICABLY IN CSD. HE THEN MENTIONED HIS CONCERN THAT CHILE
WAS COSPONSOR OF SUBJECT RES.

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4. US REP URGED MOLCHANOV NOT TO OPEN POLITICAL DEBATE IN CSD, POINTING OUT THAT ALL COUNTRIES HAD A PERCENTAGE OF DISABLED PEOPLE FOR VARYING REASONS AND THAT IT WAS GOOD THAT LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, REGARDLESS OF GOVERNMENT IN POWER, CONCERNED THEMSELVES WITH MARGINAL GROUPS OF SOCIETY SUCH AS THE DISABLED. MOLCHANOV SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER US REP RECOMMENDATION.

5. AT JAN 15 SESSION, USSR DEL INTERVENED TO NOTE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF RES, WITH FAR-REACHING METHODS FOR DISABLED, AND THAT THE USSR SUPPORTED RES. HE NOTED THAT DIFFICULTIES HAD HOWEVER ARISEN IN VIEW OF CHILE BEING AMONG COSPONSORS. HE POINTED OUT THAT GOVERNMENT OF CHILE CONDUCTED MASS TERROR, HAD IMPRISONED THOUSANDS, AND TORTURED ITS POLITICAL OPPONENTS. HE OBSERVED THAT THE GA HAD CONDEMNED CHILE FOR ITS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. USSR DEL SAID IT WAS HYPOCRISY FOR CHILE TO COSPONSOR THIS RES. CZECH DEL SAID RES ACCURATELY REFLECTED DISCUSSION OF PROBLEMS OF DISABLED DURING CSD. BECAUSE OF HUMANITARIAN NATURE OF RES IT WAS CONTRADICTION TO HAVE CHILE AS COSPONSOR. UKRAINE AND MEXICO ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES WITH ABOVE STATEMENTS. MALI SPOKE TO CONGRATULATE COLOMBIA FOR INTRODUCING RES AND SPOKE FAVORABLY OF OP PARA 3. INDIA PROPOSED NEW PREAMBULAR PARA WHICH WAS ACCEPTED BY COLOMBIA AS NEW THIRD PREAMBULAR PARA "AWARE THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PLEDGE IS EVEN MORE IMPERATIVE IN THE CASE OF THE DISABLED." UK DEL OBSERVED THAT IT WAS UNUSUAL IN DEBATE ON RES TO CRITICIZE ONE OF THE COSPONSORS AND THAT UK COULD CONSIDER THIS AS CRITICISM OF UK. CHILE DEL SAID HE DEEPLY REGRETTED INTERVENTION OF UKRAINE, USSR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND MEXICO ON SUBJECT WHICH HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH CSD, AND THAT THEIR STATEMENTS WERE IMMORAL. HE SAID CHILE WAS FIRST TO LOOK AT AND ENCOURAGE INVESTIGATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND THAT ILO WAS MAKING REPORT ON CHILE. CHILE WANTS EVERYTHING BROUGHT TO LIGHT AS THEY HAD NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF. THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS HAD BEEN DISRUPTED DURING ALLENDE REGIME AND THAT WAS WHY CHILEAN PEOPLE HAD RISEN AGAINST HIM.

6. IN BRIEF INTERVENTION DURING DEBATE US REP (PICKER) MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "AS A COSPONSOR, WE HAVE SOME COMMENTS TO MAKE. THE POINT OF VIEW THAT HAS BEEN ENUNCIATED ABOUT ONE OF THE COSPONSORS, WE FEEL, IS NOT RELEVANT TO THE THRUST OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESOLUTION, WHICH IS CONCERN ABOUT THOSE WHO FIND THEMSELVES DISABLED IN EACH COUNTRY. AS A COSPONSOR, WE FEEL WHOMSOEVER IS WILLING TO JOIN IN COSPONSORING THIS HUMANITARIAN EFFORT SHOULD BE WELCOMED."

7. SOVIET DEL SAID HE WAS DISCUSSING HUMANE GOALS AND THAT IT WAS NOT POLITICAL ACTIONS THAT HE WAS CONCERNED WITH. HE REJECTED CHILE'S STATEMENTS ON MORALITY AND DID NOT AGREE WITH

STATEMENTS MADE BY COSPONSORS THAT IT IS INAPPROPRIATE TO RAISE THESE ISSUES.

8. DEL OF CHILE SAID USSR WAS NOT COMPETENT TO COMMENT ON MORALITY IN CHILE AND THAT CHILE HAD HAD LONG HISTORY OF MORALITY EXCEPT FOR PERIOD OF ALLENDE REGIME, WHICH WAS THE ONLY TIME THAT THE USSR HAD BEEN INTERESTED IN CHILE. HE REPEATED THAT THIS ISSUE WAS BEING CONSIDERED BY OTHER UN BODIES, INCLUDING ILO, THAT WERE MORE APPROPRIATE THAN THE CSD.

9. DEL OF UKRAINE ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH REMARKS OF USSR AND SUGGESTED ADOPTION OF RES SHOULD BE DEFERRED TO NEXT MEETING. DEL OF FRANCE SAID HE HAD HEARD NO OBJECTION TO SUBSTANCE OF RES ITSELF AND THEREFORE CSD SHOULD PROCEED WITH ITS ADOPTION. USSR THEN SUPPORTED SUGGESTION OF UKRAINE NOTING THAT DEFINITIVE DRAFT OF RES WAS NOT AVAILABLE IN VIEW OF EARLIER AMENDMENT OF RES ON FLOOR BY INDIA.

10. COLOMBIA, AS ORIGINAL SPONSOR OF RES, FORMALLY MOVED TO CLOSE DEBATE. HEARING NO OBJECTION, THE CHAIR PUT THE ADOPTION OF THE RES BEFORE THE CSD AND IT WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE. AS RESULT, CHILE REMAINED AS COSPONSOR OF RESOLUTION.

11. COMMENT: SOVIET BLOC NOW OBVIOUSLY INTENDS TO CONTINUE IN OTHER UN BODIES CAMPAIGN IT BEGAN AT 29TH UNGA SESSION TO BLOCK CHILEAN COSPONSORSHIP OF RESOLUTIONS IN ORDER TO ISOLATE CHILE IN INTERNATIONAL FORA. MEXICO'S SUPPORT OF SOVIET EFFORT IS NEW TWIST, PRESUMABLY REFLECTING ITS BREAK IN RELATIONS WITH CHILE.

QUOTE THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
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ON REHABILITATION OF DISABLED PERSONS (E/CN.5/500), AND OF THE EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON BARRIER-FREE DESIGN (E/CN.5/499), AND HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS,

RECOMMENDS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION:

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

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RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 309 E (XI) OF 13 JULY 1950, ENTITLED
"SOCIAL REHABILITATION OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED" AND 1086 K
(XXXIX OF 30 JULY 1965, ENTITLED "REHABILITATION OF THE DISABLED",
AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2856 (XXVI) OF 20 DECEMBER 1971,
ENTITLED "DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF MENTALLY RETARDED
PERSONS",

MINDFUL OF THE PLEDGE OF THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS
UNDER THE CHARTER TO TAKE JOINT AND SEPARATE ACTION IN CO-
OPERATION WITH THE ORGANIZATION TO PROMOTE HIGHER STANDARDS
OF LIVING, FULL EMPLOYMENT AND CONDITIONS OF ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT,

RECALLING THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN
RIGHTS, THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, THE
DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD AND THE STANDARDS
ALREADY SET FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS IN THE CONSTITUTIONS,
CONVENTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S
FUND, THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION, THE UNITED NATIONS
EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION, THE WORLD
HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED,

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EMPHASIZING THAT THE DECLARATION ON SOCIAL PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT HAS PROCLAIMED THE NECESSITY OF PROTECTING THE RIGHTS AND ASSURING THE WELFARE AND REHABILITATION OF THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY DISADVANTAGED,

AWARE THAT, BECAUSE OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DISABILITIES AND OF SOCIETY'S REACTIONS TO THEM, HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF PERSONS ARE PREVENTED FROM ENJOYING FULLY THE RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THEY LIVE,

NOTING THAT PROGRESS IN THE PREVENTION OF DISABILITY AND IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES TO ASSIST DISABLED PERSONS IN OVERCOMING OR REDUCING THE EFFECTS OF DISABILITY HAS BEEN ACHIEVED THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF GOVERNMENTS AND OF VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND TO TECHNICAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS, BY GOVERNMENTS ON A BILATERAL BASIS AND BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, BUT THAT SUCH PROGRESS HAS NOT BEEN SUFFICIENT TO PREVENT DISABILITIES AND REDUCE SIGNIFICANTLY THE INCIDENCE OF DISABILITY OR TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE AID TO MORE THAN A SMALL PROPORTION OF THE DISABLED PERSONS IN THE WORLD,

BELIEVING THAT THE PROBLEM OF DISABILITY IS AN APPRECIABLE COMPONENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITION OF EVERY COUNTRY AND, CONSEQUENTLY, THAT PROGRAMMES TO PREVENT DISABILITY AND TO REHABILITATE THE DISABLED ARE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANS FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHICH MUST BE ASSUMED BY GOVERNMENTS WORKING AS APPROPRIATE WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS,

1. DRAWS THE ATTENTION OF GOVERNMENTS TO THE INCREASING MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM OF DISABILITY AND DISABLED PERSONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD;

2. REQUESTS GOVERNMENTS:

A) TO TAKE PROGRESSIVELY LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO FACILITATE THE PROMPT IDENTIFICATION AND PREVENTION OF DISABILITY AND THE EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION OF SERVICES FOR DISABLED PERSONS;

(B) TO IDENTIFY AND EVALUATE EXISTING SERVICES, INCLUDING THOSE PROVIDED BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS;

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(C) TO INCORPORATE IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT PLANS MEASURES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF APPROPRIATE SERVICES OR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THOSE ALREADY IN OPERATION, ESPECIALLY WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING BETTER INTEGRATION OF DISABLED PERSONS INTO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH CO-ORDINATION OF PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES OF GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS;

(D) TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING PROJECTS IN THE

FIELD OF PREVENTION OF DISABILITIES AND REHABILITATION OF
DISABLED PERSONS IN THEIR COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND OF MAKING

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN THAT FIELD TO THE UNITED NATIONS
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME;

(E) TO ENDEAVOUR TO ASSURE FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF DISABLED PERSONS
- PHYSICAL, SENSORY OR MENTAL - CARE, EDUCATION, TRAINING,
VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE AND SUITABLE WORK AS WELL AS SOCIAL SECURITY
BENEFITS;

3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CONTINUE AND TO EXPAND,
WITHIN THE LIMITS OF EXISTING RESOURCES, ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD
IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED:

(A) TO ASSIST GOVERNMENTS, AT THEIR REQUEST, IN THE PLANNING, ES-
TABLISHMENT AND EXPANSION - INCLUDING EXTENSION TO EARLY
CHILDHOOD - OF PROGRAMMES FOR THE PREVENTION OF PHYSICAL AND
MENTAL DISABILITY AND FOR REHABILITATION OF DISABLED
PERSONS;

(B) TO UNDERTAKE STUDIES OF SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN THIS FIELD,
IN PARTICULAR, THOSE FACED BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
THE FINANCING OF PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION SERVICES,
THE NEEDS OF PARTICULAR GROUPS SUCH AS THE MENTALLY ILL
AND RETARDED, THE BLIND, THE DEAF, THE MULTI-HANDICAPPED AND OTHERS,
THE ELIMINATION OF SOCIAL PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION
AFFECTING DISABLED PERSONS, REHABILITATION COUNSELLING,
CO-ORDINATION BETWEEN REHABILITATION AND SOCIAL SECURITY
SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH ASPECTS OF DISABILITY, AS WELL AS
STUDIES OF THE LIMITATION OF SEGREGATED EDUCATION AND TRAINING
AND FULL INTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY;

4. FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CONSIDER MEASURES
FOR STRENGTHENING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS
DESIGNED TO ASSIST THE PLANNING, ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF
PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION SERVICE FOR THE DISABLED;
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5. SUGGESTS THAT THE ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED SHOULD ENGAGE IN
REGULAR EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR PLANS AND ACTIVITIES
IN THIS FIELD, PARTICULARLY AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL;

6. REQUESTS THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND, THE UNITED NATIONS
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION,
THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL
ORGANIZATION, THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND INTERESTED NON-
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH THE
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL TO JOIN WITH THE UNITED NATIONS IN WELL-
CO-ORDINATED ACTIVITIES TO ASSIST ALL GOVERNMENTS, ESPECIALLY
THOSE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN THE PLANNING AND CONDUCT
OF COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMMES TO PREVENT PHYSICAL AND MENTAL

DISABILITY AND TO PROVIDE SUITABLE REHABILITATION SERVICES.
THE UNITED NATIONS, THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION
AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION SHOULD INTENSIFY ASSISTANCE
TO GOVERNMENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
IN THE FORMULATION OF PROGRAMMES AND THE TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS
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